

DEMOCRAT AND SENTINEL.

COME WHERE THE BREEZE, LOVE.

BY JOSEPH MERREFIELD.

Come where the breeze, love,
Blows from the ocean;
Fresh from the sea, love,
It fans into motion.

Come, for the moon, love,
Shines bright o'er the sea;
I crave it a boon, love,
Come wander with me.

The foam crested billow
Has beauty for me;
Like a white downy pillow
Crests into the sea.

The voice of the sea, love,
Falls sweet on my ear—
But sweeter to me, love,
When thou too art near.

Then come where the spray, love,
That's dashed on the sands,
Can weave us a lay, love,
Of far distant lands.

Say, billow that breakest,
In beauty again;
Lie eastward thou takest,
Thy path o'er the main.

Whence comest thou, billow,
What lands hast thou seen,
What shore thy last pillow —
Say, where hast thou been?

From the shores of sunny Spain,
Where the vine and olive grow,
Stranger, haste I back again—
Thither, hence, I backward flow.

There each flower's sweet perfume
Mingles on the balmy air,
And the rose's vermeil bloom
Shines in pristine beauty there.

Far across the inland ocean,
Where Italia's shores expand,
With a soft, subdued emotion,
Have I kissed her classic sand.

Where the Isles of Greece reclining,
Deck Egean's silver sheets,
Laved wreaths and bays entwining,
For her heroes that have been.

I have danced where danced the Muses,
On the Piraeus, classic strand;
Freedom now no more diffuses
Blessings over that fallen land.

Louder grow the roar of ocean!
Rolled each wave ceaseless on,
Loosed I'mil their mad confusion
For our wave, yet lo! 'twas gone!

SAM SICK and Matrimony.
Messrs. Lee & Blanchard's third series
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clock maker, contain a fund of humor.
Sam pays a visit to the minister of Slickville, by whom he is advised to be
"thunkin' of settlin' in the world," i.e.
to get married.

"Nothin'" (says the minister) names a
man like a woman. I guess so, says I.
Yes, my son, said he, get married, and
marry soon; it's time you were a thinkin'
on it now in earnest. Well, I did most
plausibly sneered, minister, says I, to try,
for if once you get into the wrong box,
and the door is locked on you, there is no
escape as I see; and besides, women are
so everlastin' full of tricks, and so cummin'
in hidin' them aforehand, that it's no easy
matter to tell whether the bait has a hook
in it or not; and if you go a-playin' round
it and a-nibblin' at it, why a sudden jerk
given by a sharp hand may whip it into
your gills afore you know where you be;
and your dint is fixed as sure as there are
snakes in Virginy. You may ing, and
out, and haul back; till you are tired; but
the more obstruption you become, the
faster the hook is fixed in, and the sorer
the place is. Nothin' w'most is left for
you but to come up to the min, and submit
to your fate. Now if you go for to
take a widdler, they are shocking apt to
know two much, and are infurnt sly;
and if you take a maid, it's an even
chance if you don't spike her in breakin'
her, and she don't bolt and refuse a
heavy poll. If they are too old, they are
apt to be headstrong from huzur; had
their head so long; and if they are too
young, they are hardly waywise enough
to be pleasant. Which, now, do you re
commend, minister, widfer or maid? Poor
old critter! I know'd well enuff he didn't
know nothin' about it, havin' had no ex
perience among woman any more nor a
child; but I axed him to humor him,
for most men like to be thought known
on the subject. Why, says he, u-lookin'
up wise-like; that's a matter of taste, Sam;
some prefers one, and some prefers the
other. (So like humannat' that, won't
it, squire!) You never heard a man in
your life when axed about a woman, say
that's a subject I ain't just altogether able
to speak on, and yet plague few know
much more about 'em than that woman
wear petticoats, and men don't.) It's
quite a matter of taste, said he; but, as
far as my experience goes, says the old
man, I am half inclined to opionionate
that widders make the best wives. Havin'
but a husband, they know the slender
treasure we have of life, and are apt to be
more considerate, more kind, and more
temper than maids. At all events, there
is enough in the idea to put them on equal
terms. I guess it's six of one and half-a
dozen of t'other, not much to chose any
way. But which ever it be, you must
choose their temper first, and their notions;
see what sort of sisters and daughters they
make; try—but, dear me! how late it is,
said he, lookin' at his watch, how late it is!
I must go, for I have a sick
visit. I still visit my dear lost flock, as
if they hadn't a used me so ill. Sam. I
begive them all of 'em. I don't harbor

hard thoughts agin' any of them. I pity 'em and always remember 'em in my prayers, for our religion is a religion of the heart, and not of the head, as political dissent is. Yes, I must go now; but I'll give you a word of advice at partin' my dear boy. Don't marry too poor gall, for they are apt to think there is no end to their husband's puss; nor too rich gall, for they are apt to remind you of it unpleasants sometimes; nor too giddy gall, for they neglect their families; nor dumme a one for they are most apt to give you the dodge, race off and leave you; nor one of a different sect, for it breeds discord; nor a weak-minded one, for children take all their talents from their mothers; nor a—

O Lord! says I, minister, how you skewer a body! Where under the sun will you find a non-such like what you describe? There ain't nethin' so much critters among women. I'll tell you, my son, said he, for I'd like before I die to see you well mated: I would indeed! I'll tell you, tho' you talk to me sometimes as if I didn't know nothin' of women. You think nobody can't know 'em but them as romp all their days with them as you do, but them, let me tell you, know the least, for they are only acquainted with the least deserving. I'll gin you a gage to know 'em by that is almost invariable, universal, infallible. *The character and conduct of the mother is a sure and certain guarantee for that of the daughter.*

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